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January 1954 the productivity of labor in the area has taken a sharp downward swing. The authorities have so far been unable to correct this tendency by any methods they have tried. The influence of 17 June is still felt among the workers. The greater proportion of the workers is resisting the raising of the norms. The productivity of the workers has dropped by about 30 percent and the January production plan for all shipyards was only fulfilled by 68 percent. The local authorities were of the opinion that this is the case in large factories throughout East Germany.

2. The workers of the RAW factory in Eberswalde refused to sign a statement approving the actions of Molotov at the Berlin Conference. Only three persons signed the statement, the signatures for which were solicited approximately 7 - 15 February 1954.

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